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SUBJECT: ARREST OF SUSPECTED CROAT TERRORIST

REF: A) STATE 213795, AUGUST 27, 1976; B) ASUNCION 2385,
JUNE 8, 1976 C) ASUNCION 2420, JUNE 11, 1976

1. PARAGUAYAN AUTHORITIES ON MARCH 31 ARRESTED SUSPECTED CROAT
TERRORIST DINKO SAKIC AS A RESULT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED
IN NAME OF CROAT COMMUNITY IN PARAGUAY. THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES
THAT SAKIC DEFRAUDED CROAT EMIGRE OFFICIALS HER OF \$1,000 AND
AN AUTOMOBILE.

2. REF A CITES YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES' BELIEF THAT SAKIC, OF
VALENCIA, SPAIN, IS A KEY OFFICIAL IN EXTREMIST CROATIAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS AND MAY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN 1974 ESCAPE TO PARAGUAY
OF KILLERS OF THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN.

3. SAKIC' APPEARANCE IN PARAGUAY COINCIDES WITH LATIN AMERICAN
ANTI-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION CONGRESS MARCH 28 TO 30 IN ASUNCION.
HE WAS ARRESTED A DAY AFTER A PAID ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED IN
LOCAL PRESS DENOUNCING HIM AS A COMMUNIST AGENT AND ACCUSING
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4. IN RESPONSE TO ADVERTISEMENT, LOCAL PRESS CONTACTED A
DR. DRECKO PSENICNIK, AN OBSERVER TO THE ANTI-COMMUNIST
CONGRESS FROM THE CROATIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. PSENICNIK
TOLD REPORTERS THAT SAKIC IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CROATIAN
COUNCIL, HEADQUARTERED IN MADRID, AND OF THE CROATION

RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, WHICH BROKE AWAY FROM THE CROATIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN SPAIN IN 1955. PSENICNIK DESCRIBED SAKIC AS A BROTHER-IN-LAW OF THE HEAD OF THE BREAKAWAY GROUP, GENERAL VIEKISLAV LUBURIC, WHO WAS ASSASSINATED IN MADRID IN 1969. PSENICNIK SAID HIS GROUP REPUDIATED THE NATIONAL CROATIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT FOR ITS EXTREMISM AND BECAUSE IT IS EXTENSIVELY INFILTRATED BY "COMMUNIST ELEMENTS."

5. CROAT EMIGRE ZDRAVKO BENO, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS PRESIDENT OF CROAT COLONY IN PARAGUAY, ACCUSED SAKIC OF BEING "MORAL AUTHOR" OF THE ASSASSINATION HERE LAST JUNE OF THE URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS KILLED BY CROAT EMIGRE JOZO DAMJANOVIC, WHO MISTOOK HIM FOR THE NEW YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR (REFS B AND C). BENO SAID SAKIC USED FALSE PROMISES TO PERSUADE THE ASSASSIN TO COME TO PARAGUAY, BUT HE OFFERED NO EVIDENCE THAT SAKIC WAS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE KILLING. BENO HIM SELF WAS DETAINED FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION BUT LATER WAS RELEASED.
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